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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.